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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	US 5970239 A (Bahl et al) 19 October 1999 - whole document	1 to 16
X	WO 98/32088 A (Chiron Corporation) 23 July 1998 - whole document	1 to 16
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EP	501784	US	5146510	CA	2061865
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